Beyond Temporal Friendship

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“Your writing is both inspirational and motivating…”

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Introduction

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful The Especially Merciful

This is a book about the worshipping of Allah alone, removing yourself from worshipping other than Allah, and relying and trusting in him

completely with all your heart- by the will of Allah.

I have purposely kept it short, for brief reading.

Text(Matn)

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. If you don’t let go to worldly love, you’ll never know which relationship is meant to be permanent, and which was meant to be temporary; for the good of yourself.

Take the example of Prophet Ibrahim(upon him be peace and Salaam):

The important thing(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best) is that Allah wanted Ibrahim(‘aleihimussalaatu wa

salaam/ upon him be peace and Salaam) to sacrifice the love of his son from his own heart.

Like the story of the 2 sons of Adam; Allah wanted to see who would part from the dunia/worldly life from their hearts(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best), by giving their best possessions i.e. the crops

Allah is Assamad(He is in need of noone/nothing, but all are in need of him).

So the conclusion is that Allah wants us to go to Him with Qalbun Salim(a pure heart).

May Allah allow us to live and die with Qalbun saliim(a pure heart)

May Allah guide us all Ameen

Bonus Chapter 1

3 types of souls

1. Mutma innah- Surah Fajr Verse

27(The break of day or The Dawn)

2. Lawwaamah- Chapter 75 Surah Qiyaamah(The Resurrection) Verse 2

3.Amru bissuw-

Hisnul Muslim- Qahtani

3 types of hearts

1. Qalbun Saliim(A sound heart)

2. Qalbun Mareedh(A sick heart)

Oh Allah give us a complete cure that leaves no illness Ameen.

3. Qalbun Mayyit(A dead heart)

May Allah protect us from this

Ameen

Bonus Chapter 2

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

In Islaam, in relation to the topic of ‘Uloow Himmah(high ambitions):

To put itslightly in-line with some topics of the self-help books that are rampant in the bookstores and libraries, a Muslim should concentrate most of his efforts on increasing their self-esteem(i.e. loving oneself).

However, in Islaam, there is some sort of hierarchy of love.

You must love Allah the most, then The Prophets(Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon them all, being at the head of your love for the Prophets), then the Sahaabah(Abu Bakr, ‘Umar, Uthmaan, ‘Ali respectively being athe head of your love for the companions, May Allah be pleased with them), then the 2 blessed generations(after the Sahaabah), then the Scholars of Islaam, before you put yourself or other Muslims for

your love(wa Allahu A’lam/ and Allah knows best)

A Muslim must work towards their self-ideal, i.e. having sincere intentions to Allah that He would make you a better person.

In Orthodox Islaam, sincerity to Allah then correctly following The Last Prophet(Muhammad Peace be upon him) are the keys to your deeds being accepted.

Before even doing the deed, we are told in a hadeeth(on the authority of Umar bin Khattab,May Allah be pleased with him) that: “Verily actions are but by intetion…”

So you are awarded for your sincere intention(by the will of Allah) even if obstacles come/ are in your way from actually carrying out that righteous action.

So, in the circles of knowledge within Orthodox Islaam, a person is judged for His intentions and the actions he appears to take to

achieve their goals(by the knowledge and will of Allah)

Bonus Chapter 3

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His

Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

Fronting wouldn’t be such an accurate name for ‘gra gra’, as they call it in Nigeria.

In Nigeria, the social system/ system of daily interaction/ operation is set by the people(of-course by the permission of Allah), in their own way.

Trying to compare Nigeria with another country is like trying to compare tomatoes and potatoes, they are not the same; a vegan would definitely tell you that. Some Nigerians will go a s far as telling you that:

“There are the Blacks, the whites, and then the Nigerians “

or thereabout, which in my (almost a) years experience in Nigeria, I would definitely agree with this idiom. This is from the angle of Nigeria and its people

I can categorically say that gragra is a spiritual system that Nigerians use to carry out their day to day tactical activities and strategies.

I must admit, I've never seen any system in the world so solid.

Much of their tactics and strategies(…) with regards to the ‘gragra’ is not even written down.

Gragra is a spiritually etched system in the souls of the people living in Nigeria (both Nigerians and foreigners who have assimilated long enough in Nigeria).

As a practising Muslim(by the permission of Allah), I only wished to analyse the positive side of this so-called gragra.

In conclusion, at the end of the gragra, you get all the things you need(by the will of Allah), not necessarily what you want(especially if it is not good for you). This is from an Islamic and spiritually inclined point of view.

Just as a final warning:

Nigeria is not for the faint-hearted nor the dumb-witted. You also have to have contacts

in high places to (generally) positively live there.

FINAL PRAYER

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him,

his family, his companions and all of those that follow them till the day of Judgement.

FINAL WORD

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